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Commerce

Representation by the Malabar Chamber of Commerce in regard to the import of Japanese rice.

* 80 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what representation has been made to the Government by the Malabar Chamber of Commerce in regard to the attempted import of Japanese rice into the West Coast; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No representation has been received by the Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Was any inquiry made by the Government in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"I do not think. No, Sir, Government have not made any enquiry."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to make an enquiry?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"Government will consider the suggestion."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Has the Government come to know, Sir, that Japanese rice is being imported?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"No, Sir."

Provincial Finance

Extent of savings due to revised scales of pay.

* 81 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state what saving there will be in the current year by reason of the introduction of the revised scales of pay for the provincial services?

A.—The savings in the current year will be practically 'nil' in view of the fact that the Government have, in deference to the views of the hon. Members of the Legislative Council expressed in the debate on the revision of salaries on 11th March 1933 allowed the following concessions, which will enable a large number of officers, the scales of pay of whose posts have been revised, to continue on the existing scales:—

(1) Every officer who was in the service of Government before 15th August 1931 in a substantive, officiating or temporary capacity shall be entitled to the existing scales of pay in respect of any post which he holds or may hold, if he had held such post whether in a substantive, officiating or temporary capacity or had been a probationer therefor at any time before 13th April 1933, irrespective of any break in his tenure of such post.